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APPLICANT: CHRISTOPHER R. BYRNE ART UNIT: 3714

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TITLE: METHOD FOR PLAYING A GAMBLING GAME

**APPLICANT'S SUMMARY OF TELEPHONIC INTERVIEW
WITH THE EXAMINER**

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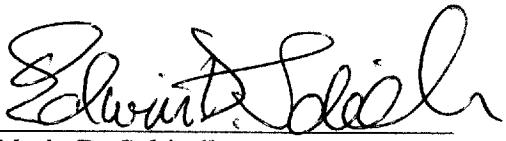
Dear Sir:

On January 25, 2007, in response to receiving the third Office Action, dated January 22, 2007, Applicant's undersigned Attorney-of-record telephoned the Examiner to briefly discuss the merits of the third Office Action and, in particular, the applicability of Jones *et al.*, U.S. Patent No. 5,377,973, as "prior art" against the claims of the instant Applicant. The substance of the telephonic interview conducted with the Examiner pertained to the applicability of FIG. 3 of Jones *et al.* against Applicant's claims. It was agreed as between the Examiner and Applicant's Attorney that Applicant would present his arguments in writing to the application of the foregoing patent as a prior art reference

and that the Examiner would consider Applicant's comments and, if so desired, would be agreeable toward granting Applicant's counsel a personal interview to further discuss the merits of Applicant's stated position, which is presented in Applicant's concurrently-filed *Amendment in Response to the Third Office Action.*

Respectfully submitted,

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